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In re Application of)
FLOYD)
Application No. 10/001,867)
Filed: November 19, 2001)
For: LENS ARRANGEMENT WITH FLUID)
CELL AND PRESCRIPTIVE ELEMENT)

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, filed on November 19, 2001, to make the above-identified application special.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item IV: Applicant's Age.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item IV, must include a showing, as by a birth certificate or the applicant's statement, that the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more. No fee is required for this petition.

The petition includes applicant's statement that the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more.

Accordingly, the petition is GRANTED.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

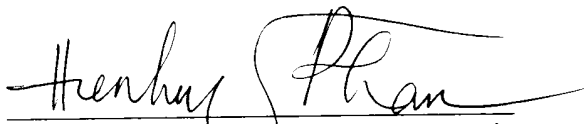
If the examiner can make this application special without prejudice to any possible interfering applications, he/she is authorized to do so for the next action. Should the application be rejected, the application will not be considered special for the subsequent action unless the applicant promptly makes a *bona fide* effort to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to have an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

If the examiner finds an interfering application for the same subject matter, he/she should consider such application simultaneously with this application and should state in the official letter of such application that he/she is taking it out of its turn because of possible interference.

Should an appeal be taken in this application or should this application become involved in an interference, consideration of the appeal and the interference will be expedited by all Patent and Trademark Office officials concerned, contingent likewise upon diligent prosecution by the applicant.

After allowance, this application will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. § 1309.

The petition is granted to the extent indicated.

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